

# Starboard Tack



**WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972**      **SEPTEMBER 2024**

- \* **RACING BUOY HAUL OUT THIS SATURDAY SEP. 21**—workboat leaves GBY dock 8:45am / leaves FYC dock 9:00am \*
- \* **WSSC HARVEST MOON CRUISE TO MBC—SEP. 27-29—SIGN UP NOW \***
- \* **Next WSSC General Membership Meeting—Oct 3rd 7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water \***
- \* **RACING AWARDS NIGHT IS WED. OCT. 16TH at WHISKEYS—6:30 dinner available 7:30 awards \***
- \* **HARVEST FEST CAR CRUISE OCT. 26 POTLUCK AT LASKEY'S FARM. AND A HAYRIDE! \***

## From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

### SWEET SEPTEMBER HAS ARRIVED!

While most people think fall is here, us West Shore Sailors know that we've got three more glorious weeks before the last day of Summer on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is one of my favorite times of year, with warm waters and good breeze. When many boaters start putting their toys away, I savor the days when we get the lake to ourselves! So don't call the season over before it's time. WNATR racing continues through September 18<sup>th</sup>. Our final boat cruise of the year will be the last weekend of September to Monroe Boat Club. I hope to see you all there!



### SPECIALTY RACES ANOTHER

**SUCCESS:** I'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate Vice Commodore Jonathan Cotter on two very successful specialty races just two weeks apart.

**THE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE RACE** on August 17<sup>th</sup> went

Commodore Anita and Gentleman Alec sail FAMILY TRUCKSTER a J-92 30'

great, with forecasted storms holding off until after the race (or at least the very end) with just a few sprinkles.

Jonathan and Lady Helena did a fabulous job with the charity auction to benefit ISEA-INLAND SEAS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, and nearly everyone in attendance went home with an item or gift card.

They also did a fabulous job with the afterglow food, a mix of barbeque and middle eastern fare. Just two weeks later on September 1<sup>st</sup> **THE JACK AND JILL RACE** took place. Once again Jonathan and Helena stepped up with a great afterglow complete with roasted corn and burgers to complement the pot-luck. It was great to see so many WSSC members, racers, and friends in attendance.

### WSSC CRUISING CALENDAR SURVIVES COLLISION:

Thank you as well to Rear Commodore Todd Harris and Cruising Captain David Wright for pulling together our **LATE SUMMER CRUISE TO TOLEDO YACHT CLUB**. Some last minute rearranging was required to avoid a clash with the LHC regatta and both David and Todd stepped up and made the adjustments. For those who attended, it looked like a



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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



**FIRST THURSDAYS** (except as noted in club calendar) ... Social Gathering starts at 7:00PM ... **MEETING starts at 7:30PM**

Meetings are typically "hybrid" — both **LIVE at Whiskeys on the Water** and on **ZOOM**

**LIVE MEETING LOCATION:** **WHISKEYS ON THE WATER** at 2903 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, at the southeast corner of Oak and Biddle. Meeting will be held in the upstairs space — there is an elevator available. Enjoy the upstairs bar. **COME EARLY AND ENJOY DINNER** before (or during) the meeting. The whole menu is available starting at 6:30 and throughout the evening.

**Online "ZOOM" MEETING LOCATION** is emailed by the Secretary to Members and Friends the week of the meeting.

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great time. Next year we will be sure to triple check the calendar and avoid any potential conflicts.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AWARDS NIGHT:** Looking a little further ahead, please mark your calendars for the Racing Awards Night on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> at Whiskeys on the Water in Wyandotte. We will make a few speeches (I promise to be brief), hand out a bunch of flag and a few big old trophies, snap some pictures and enjoy recounting our tales of triumph and woes with our comrades. Also a reminder to our cruisers to finish documenting your **2024 CRUISING LOGS** for submission to the Cruising Log Master. The cruising awards will be distributed at next year's Commodore's Ball, but it never hurts to wrap up those logs while fresh in your mind (and before the boat is shrink wrapped).



Lighthouse Challenge pre-race strategy on Truckster with P/C Kukla

**ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP—NOMINATIONS ARE NEXT:** One final thought before closing my monthly article. With

elections just around the corner it is time for the board to seek out some fresh volunteers for next year. West Shore Sail Club is a 100% volunteer run organization and we could not do it without the many hours put in by so many people. Of course it is great to get fresh eyes and new perspectives of those who have not served before. But it is also great to get



Anita & Ryan at Jack & Jill

some veterans viewpoints, and if you've served before perhaps a second go around could but just what the club needs. We

will be looking for a new Rear Commodore for the 2025 season as well as an Executive Secretary. If you have questions or know of someone with interest, please feel free to reach out to me. Thanks!

Sincerely,  
2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:  
PAST COMMODORES COMMITTEE

  
**WE NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS—ARE YOU AVAILABLE?**

**"AN ORGANIZATION LIKE WSSC DOES NOT RUN ITSELF"**  
(PC Carver Dumke)

An organization like WSSC does not run itself and we have been very lucky to have a wonderful membership that is willing to step up and to contribute their time, their talents, their knowledge, experience, and commitment to making this a great club for sailing individuals and families.

**OPEN POSITIONS INCLUDE:**

- Flag Officers – Rear Commodore
- Executive Officers – Secretary

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE OCTOBER MEETING:** We have already been searching for candidates and on Thursday, October 3rd we will announce those nominations and open nominations from the floor. If you feel you can help our club or know of someone that can help our club, please be ready to raise your voice to nominate that individual. All nominations must be accepted by the candidate.

**NOMINATIONS WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL OUR NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING:**

At the close of nominations in November, elections will take place. PC Carver Dumke and PC David Monk, as Co-chairpersons of the Past Commodores Committee will facilitate nominations and elections.

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!** The Past Commodores Committee also wishes to again thank the membership and everyone that served and supported WSSC in any role during 2024. It was a successful year as we continue to celebrate our 52nd anniversary and start the next steps towards our future.

**KEEP ON SAILING!**

Respectfully submitted,  
PC 2013 Carver Dumke  
2024 Past Commodores Committee Co-chairperson  
PC 2017/2018 David Monk  
2024 Director and Past Commodores Committee Co-chairperson



## \* WSSC AWARDS NIGHT IS WED. OCT. 16TH \*

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

### WSSC 2024 RACING CALENDAR

**ATTENTION: IMPORTANT WORK DAY**

**Saturday Sep 21st**

**BUOY HAUL OUT DAY**

**Meet at FYC 9:00am**

### **WSSC AWARDS NIGHT**

**Wednesday—October 16**

**at Whiskeys on the Water**

**awards start at 7:30pm—come early for dinner**

### **GREETINGS FELLOW SAILORS,**

It's been a great Michigan August and hopefully everyone was able to dodge the storms when they happened.

**2024 LHC RACE:** Thank you for everyone that signed up and raced and did our annual Lighthouse Regatta. We had (12) boats and only one cruise boat - (where was Jolee??) which meant we could have 3 evenly matched Spinnaker classes. Thank you Don Baumgarnter for doing the R/C duties, the race never happens without the start horn. The race went off just working around some weather. It was more a problem for the table clothes than the sailing, congrats to all of our flagged vessels.

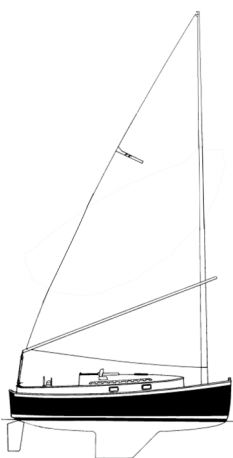
**2024 LHC AFTERGLOW:** Many more thanks for all the help, Helena & James Thornton especially for chipping in extra time. Todd Harris was quick to help fresh off a boat as were Anna & PC John, Lana & Mike, Jane and Anita & Alec. I was also grateful for the past notes of PCs on this event. We had about 30 people in attendance and did a silent auction and raffle for the benefit of the Inland Seas Educational Association.

All together from what our generous local sponsors donated, handmade goods (Thanks Anita!) and other odds and ends we pulled together a \$1000 donation to ISEA.

Helena Thornton was responsible for getting many of the local auction & gift card donations, I really couldn't have managed it on my own.

For the Regatta it was great to have Fred Sitkins in attendance as a Wyandotter local and a sailor. As a bonus ISEA will be in the port of Detroit again next week with their bigger Schooner Alliance at the Milliken Marina [north of Ren Cen] - If you like the awesome new Detroit riverwalk, it's

Rear Commodore Jon  
and Lady Helena  
sail JOLEE—a Nonsuch 26



a perfect excuse to go visit.

### **LHC COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT:**

I was late to this project, but I revived an old hobby of mine and made a 2024 LHC silk screen to make some "new" vintage T-shirts. They are \$15 and minus the cost of the shirt any revenue goes to WSSC general fund. See me if you are interested. If you already order one ... I'm working on it : )

**JACK AND JILL:** Sunday September 1st we had twelve boats signed up for this pursuit class race. And a few new boats participated! Barb Mainzinger and Irene in NightCall.

Thank you Alec & Jane for doing R/C boat duty. Excellent VHF callouts boat for start times, a great way to do a fun Sunday race. Congrats to our winners!

It was a painfully slowwww race in the middle, then fun when the breeze finally rolled in from the west. For the after-party we had the traditional corn roast and potluck for about 30 racers and friends with a few neighborly FYC visits as well. Truly felt like a good summer family picnic.

**WNATR:** Three more Wednesday races to go! The last one canceled, seemed warranted with a giant thunderstorm creeping in from the north. Its be a nice summer on the lake and I hope to join a few more on Chris's C&C.

Meanwhile Awards planning has begun and we will see all of our racers Wednesday October 16th at Whiskeys 7:30pm. (Dinner is available starting 6:30pm)

**BOUYS:** Looks like we are still 9-for-9 on the lake, knock on teak! But soon the sad buoy retrieval trip comes along Sep. 21st at 8:45am leaving GBY and 9:00am leaving FYC. If you missed the buoy drop this is even more fun if you don't mind a little Lake Erie mud as we haul up the chains.

### **HELM'S A LEE**

Sincerely,

**2024 Vice Commodore Jonathan "Jon" Cotter**



Fleet Captain—Racing



Race Committee



Vice Commodore

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**WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS — ARE YOU AVAILABLE?**

# RACING BUOY HAUL OUT

## Saturday September 21st



**ARE YOU HEARTY ENOUGH TO BE PART OF  
A SALTY CREW LIKE THIS?**

**ATTENTION:  
IMPORTANT  
WORK DAY**

## Saturday, September 21st

**Crew boarding at Gibraltar: workboat leaves GBY at 8:45am**

**Crew boarding at FYC: workboat at FYC at 9:00am**

**Contact VICE COMMODORE JON COTTER for details and to volunteer  
wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com**

- \* We need a good number of able-bodied people to lasso the 9 buoys [FYC channel markers may also get pulled ] and haul up the chain. This is fairly wet work and gravity isn't helping us on this trip.
- \* Bring gloves, boots, and a relative or crewmate for an extra morning on the water! After getting the buoys onto shore at FYC we will power-wash and move them to our storage location.
- \* If you are available to help only as shore "reception", plan to be at FYC west basin (north end) near the back 40 around 1:00PM



**Skippers! Crew! Family! Friends!  
Everyone is invited to ...**



**WEST SHORE  
SAIL CLUB**

**2024**

**RACING  
AWARDS  
NIGHT**

**Wednesday**

**October 16, 2024**

Kitchen opens 6:30pm

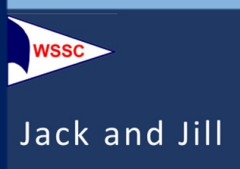
Awards ceremony starts at 7:30pm

CELEBRATED AT

**Whiskeys on the Water**

WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN

KITCHEN AND BAR WILL BE OPEN THROUGHOUT THE EVENING



**\* MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR THE WSSC HARVEST MOON CRUISE TO MBC SEP. 27-29 \***

**From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)**

**Todd Harris**

**WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR**

DON'T MISS THE  
**HARVEST MOON CRUISE**  
 Friday-Sunday Sep. 27-29  
 Sail over or "car cruise" over  
 to Monroe Boat Club on Bolles Harbor.  
 Join all your friends for dinner Saturday night.  
 (see next page for details and RSVP)

**WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS**

(Watch this space for news about  
 upcoming after-meeting programs.)

**SUMMER IS OVER... SAY IT ISN'T SO!** August sailed past so very swiftly! After so much activity during July, it was actually nice to kick back a little and coast for a few weeks. Laid back evenings at the boat and a couple of relaxing daytime sails fit the bill. We even had the chance to invite some friends out to visit and experience the sailing lifestyle with us.

On my sail racing journey, there have been some ups and downs. Although strong winds and equipment failures led to our choice to drop from the Lighthouse Challenge, the very next week we crossed the finish line first in our class during the WNATR Summer Series!

**2024 LATE SUMMER CRUISE TO TOLEDO YACHT CLUB:** Four boats and a couple of car cruisers made it down to the Maumee River to round up Summer together before the Labor Day weekend. Our thanks to TYC Commodore Marilyn Kocivar for going out of her way to accommodate our group with a delicious grilled dinner. Food, fun games helped us celebrate with birthday girl, Christy Yee.

**NOTHING IS BETTER THAN GOOD TIMES WITH GOOD PEOPLE!**

Sincerely,  
2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris



Rear Commodore Todd and Lady Maria Jose sail FANDANGO—a Catalina 30



TYC Grill



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising



TYC "Cruzers"



Naval Reserve Armory across from TYC



Rear Commodore

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**West Shore Sail Club** 

# Harvest Moon Cruise

## September 27-29

### 2024

**A WSSC tradition at  
Monroe Boat Club  
on Bolles Harbor**

7932 North Harbor Drive  
Monroe, MI 48161



**Monroe Boat Club: 7932 North Harbor Drive, Monroe**  
For dock reservation, please contact:  
Port Captain - Dan Williamson on channel 71  
or via phone 734-231-3736 when coming in for your dock assignment



**Harbor Hook & Grille: 13993 Laplaignance Road, Monroe**  
For Saturday night dinner reservations  
and other information, please contact:  
Fleet Captain-Cruising - Dave Wright --iamdave57@gmail.com

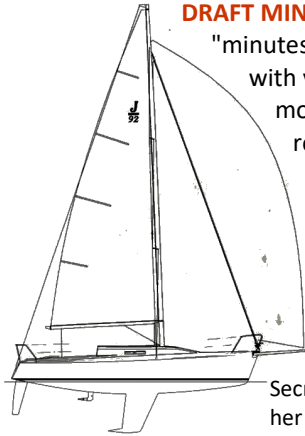


**Open to members, family, and friends!**  
Cruise over by boat or by car.  
Enjoy one of WSSC's fun fall traditions.  
The food is always great and we always have a great time.



**From the Secretary (including Minutes and Correspondence)**

**Jane Bersie**



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** are included each month in the members' "minutes review" email. If you have corrections to the draft minutes, please bring them with you to the next General Membership Meeting (the first Thursday of the month) or send an email to the Secretary. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS can be requested by emailing the Secretary at [wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com).

**LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY** are on the Corkboard at the GMM, or The (virtual) CorkBoard near the back of the Tack. Review the list of letters and request copies of any you may need.

**MAILING LISTS FOR FRIENDS OF THE CLUB:** If you know a non-member (perhaps one of your racing crew or a cruising buddy) who would like to receive our meeting notices and/or our club newsletter (Starboard Tack), please send their name and email address to the Secretary.

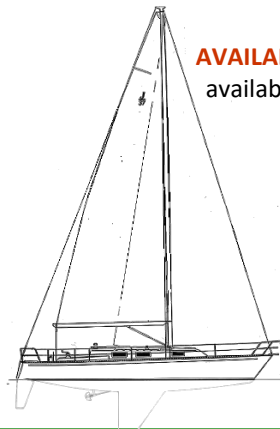
Sincerely,  
**2024 Secretary Jane Bersie**

Secretary Jane is co-owner and sails with her family on FAMILY TRUCKSTER a J-92 30'



**From the Treasurer**

**Mike Soltis**



**AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED MEMBERS:** The budget and monthly financial reports are available to WSSC members by contacting the Treasurer at [wsscfinancial@gmail.com](mailto:wsscfinancial@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
**2024 Treasurer Mike Soltis**

Treasurer Mike Soltis and Lana Hawkins sail ALACRITY, a J-37

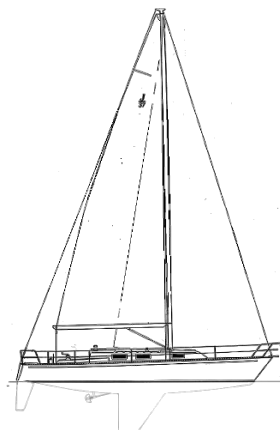


**From the Membership Officer**

**Lana Hawkins**

**FOR ANYONE CONSIDERING JOINING:** We have room for three more associate members, no sailboat required, and room for any number of sailboat owners. Memberships may include a spouse or significant other residing at the same address.

**DO YOU KNOW OF A FRIEND (PERHAPS A CREW MEMBER) WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN WSSC?** Please send any people interested in joining the club to the membership chairperson at this email address: [WSSCMembershipChair@gmail.com](mailto:WSSCMembershipChair@gmail.com)



Sincerely,  
**2024 Membership Officer Lana Hawkins**

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins and Mike Soltis sail ALACRITY, a J-37



WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	as of 9-2-2024
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	66
Regular Memberships	56
Associate Memberships	10
Total Life Memberships	6
Total Paid Memberships	61
Total Members	111

**\* HARVEST FEST POTLUCK AND HAYRIDE ON SAT. OCTOBER 26TH STARTING 3:00PM \***

**STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:  
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson Amy Wright**

**DON'T MISS OUR TWO ACTIVITIES / CLUB EVENTS  
COMING UP IN OCTOBER.**

**"CAR CRUISE" TO THE WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT ON  
OCT. 16TH AT WHISKEYS ON THE WATER:** Whether you

raced in the WNATR, Lighthouse Challenge and Charity Afterglow, Doublehanded Race, or Jack and Jill fun day race, or if you just enjoy a fun celebration—be sure to join us at Whiskeys on the Water for the WSSC Racing Awards night.

**HARVEST FEST AND  
HAY RIDE AT "FARMER  
CHUCK'S" ON  
SATURDAY—OCT. 26TH:**

Once again, PC Chuck and Lady Phae will host WSSC members, friends, and families for the popular Harvest Fest event. It's a Potluck affair—BYOB and a dish to pass. Lady Phae's Famous Sloppy Joes are not to be missed. RSVP to



Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright at amycwright@gmail.com so we have a good headcount.  
See you there!



**Sincerely,  
2024 Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright**

Members, Families, Friends of WSSC everyone is invited to the annual

# HARVEST FEST

**CAR CRUISE**

**Saturday, October 26th at 3:00pm**

**at LASKEYS' BARN**  
4155 Labo Road, Newport, Michigan

Don't miss the hayride!

## POTLUCK SUPPER

**BYOB and a Dish to Pass**  
Lady Phae's Famous Sloppy Joes provided

Bring your chairs - Costumes are fabulous (but not required)

## April Caption Contest



**"It smells like you've been sailing without me!"**

**Submitted by  
Anita Bersie-Chabalowski**

*Congratulations to our caption contest winner who receives a \$10 gift certificate from Whiskey's on the Water*

## SEPTEMBER CAPTION CONTEST



Photo submitted by Lady Christy Yee

**Submit your funniest caption to  
wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com  
for a chance to win a  
\$10 gift certificate for  
Whiskeys on the Water!**

\* HARVEST FEST ON SAT. OCTOBER 26TH RSVP TO ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON AMY WRIGHT \*



Members, Families, Friends of WSSC everyone is invited to the annual

# HARVEST FEST

CAR CRUISE

A GATHERING OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THE END OF THE SAILING SEASON.

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm



at LASKEYS' BARN

4155 Labo Road, Newport, Michigan

Bring your chairs - Costumes are fabulous (but not required for the fun)

Hey Kids!

Don't miss "Farmer Chuck's" hayride!



Bring a dish to pass and BYOB for the

## Potluck Supper

Featuring Lady Phae's Famous



and s'mores around the campfire





MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1-Sep ..... Mike S.
- 6-Sep ..... Pete Z.
- 16-Sep .... Barbara M.
- 25-Sep .... Patricia G.
- 26-Sep .... Stephen M.
- 29-Sep .... Raymond K.
- 30-Sep .... Sharon B.
- 30-Sep .... Allison D.

**WSSC TRADITIONAL BIRTHDAY SONG**  
**is sung at each Membership Meeting:**  
**This tribute to our Birthday members**  
**is sung with GUSTO**  
 (you don't even have to sing it in tune)  
**to the tune of Ta-Ra-Ra-BOOM-De-Ay!**

**This is your**  
**BIRTHday Song!**  
**It isn't VERY long!**

We join our birthday celebrants after the meeting  
 for some tasty birthday cake compliments of  
 ELLIOTT'S BAKERY.

Other Committee News:

MEMORY ALBUM IN OUR 51ST YEAR! \*



**HI! CAN YOU DO THIS IMPORTANT JOB? VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO BE THE CLUB'S "ALBUM-KEEPER":** For many years Frank Pavia took care of the club's Memory Album (it's the "photo wall" for our club—since we don't actually have any walls, per se).

Frank helped club members by handing out blank pages to new members and old, by helping them print and place their photo memories in their spot on the "wall" as the years went by, and by making sure the album got to meetings and events (in its own "trailer" which was custom-built by Frank). The Memory Album is such an important and fun part of WSSC. Can you help?



Sincerely,  
**"Interim" Club Album-Keeper Jonathan Cotter**

Pictured at left are some members and friends looking at the beautiful WSSC club album, created by Life Member Frank Pavia for the 40th Anniversary of the club. Members and friends have fun looking at the photo-memories of many WSSC members.

Other Committee News:

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE—Starboard Tack

Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins

**DISTRIBUTION:** If you know of someone (friends and crew members) who might like to receive the Tack, be sure to send their email address to: [wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com)

**THIS MONTH'S PHOTO CREDITS:** We were glad to receive other photos for this issue from our commodores—Anita, Jon, and Todd—from Patti Baur-Duffett, Lady Helena Thornton, Thanks to Lady Christy Yee for this month's Caption Contest photo. Always grateful to Patti Baur-Duffett for her WNATR and other photo coverage. Send your photos of WSSC events — and submissions for the CAPTION CONTEST — to [wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com)

**TACKY TYPOS / THIS MONTH'S LIFESAVERS AWARDS:** Thanks Todd Duffett for your LifeSavers correction regarding how to spell "Lighthouse" as in "Lighthouse Challenge". We'll have to make sure all our specialty races are referenced consistently. Style Manual coming soon!

**OTHER TACKY PRIZES:** TRUFFLES and more truffles were awarded to Secretary Jane Bersie for taking over the Tack for several months while Lea was in "sick bay". Thank you to PC John and Lady Ana Kukla for sharing their year of adventure stories. See their special "LifeSaver" award on the photo pages. Remember, you can "win" by finding typos (win a LifeSavers), finding a typo that's a misspelled name (win a bag of HUGS), submitting a winning caption for the monthly Caption Contest (win a \$10 gift card for Whiskeys on the Water), and for being fabulous to the Tack Staff you can win the annual "Truffles" award for all the truffle you go to help us out!



Sincerely,  
**Starboard Tack Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins**

## AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS — NEWS & INFORMATION

NEW INFORMATION IS MARKED WITH \*

### BoatUS/WEST MARINE

Rep. PC Doug Howe

WSSC remains a co-operating group with BOAT/US. Our membership number is GA81337S. While our members no longer get reduced membership fees, we still can receive discounts on towing insurance and more. PC Doug reminds us that ONE GREAT BENEFIT is the Boat U.S. magazine, published every other month, and each purchase acquires points towards a future purchase. See benefits at: <https://www.boatus.com/products-and-services/membership>.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Doug Howe at [d1howe@wowway.com](mailto:d1howe@wowway.com)

### I-LYA (INTER-LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION)

Rep. PC Kathy Howe

WSSC is a member of I-LYA and every member of an I-LYA club is automatically a member of I-LYA. See I-LYA on social media for the latest schedules and updates:



WEBSITE: <https://i-lya.org/>

Facebook: I-LYA Inter-Lake Yachting Association <https://www.facebook.com/ILYAInterLakeYachtingAssociation>

I-LYA Junior Sailing: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ilyajuniorsailing>

Inter-Lake Yachting Association History: <https://www.facebook.com/interlakeyachtingassociationhistory>

The latest I-LYA newsletter is available at <https://i-lya.org/i-lya-news/>

- I-LYA Spring Meeting April 5-6, Westlake, OH
- I-LYA Junior Bay Week July 14-18, Put-in-Bay, Ohio <https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeekPowerRegattasSrandJr/>
- I-LYA Power Regatta July 24-28, Put-in-Bay, Ohio <https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeekPowerRegattasSrandJr/>
- I-LYA Bay Week (Senior Sail Week) July 31-August 4, Put-in-Bay, Ohio <https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeek>
- I-LYA Fall Meeting is December 6-7, Westlake, Ohio

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON I-LYA CONTACT Kathy Howe at [kahowe@wowway.com](mailto:kahowe@wowway.com)

### PHRF-LE (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet-Lake Erie)

(Measurers PC Doug Howe & PC Dick Synowiec)

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** While PC Dick Synowiec and PC Doug Howe continue their service to PHRF-LE and to the club as PHRF-LE measurers, the club is still looking for a volunteer to be a PHRF-LE representative. Please contact PC Doug Howe or PC Dick Synowiec to find out more about this important position.



The PHRF-LE website is [www.phrf-le.org](http://www.phrf-le.org)

### U.S. SAILING.ORG

Rep. PC Doug Howe

WSSC continues to be a member of U.S. Sailing. However, the current level of membership (new for 2023) no longer provides for discounted membership rates for club members. U.S. Sailing still provides services for sailors as a part of membership. Individual members can join or renew at a discount at: <https://ussailing.org>



**Members can download the current Racing Rules onto their phone.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Doug Howe [d1howe@wowway.com](mailto:d1howe@wowway.com).

### GLOBAL ENTRY (Canadian Customs and U.S. Customs & Border Protection /USA RE-ENTRY)

Rep. PC Doug Howe

**IMPORTANT "HEADS UP FROM DOUG: "Canadian Customs. If one does not properly check into Canadian Customs, you can be subjected to a fine of not less than \$1,000. "**

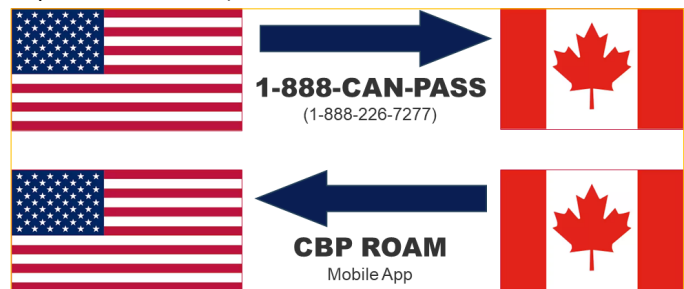
**DO YOU HAVE YOUR DTOPS DECAL?** Boats of length 30' or more need a DTOPS decal to return to the U.S. This number as well as a Trusted Traveler number (may not be required for boaters) should be entered into CBP Roam as well as passport numbers.



**CBP ROAM REQUIRED:** US requires the use of CBP Roam.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to sign-up go to: <https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/> (Official Trusted Traveler Program Website | Department of Homeland Security (dhs.gov))

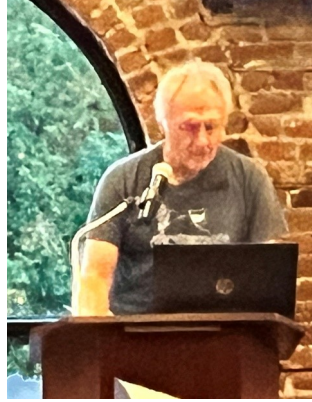
Also, for more extensive travel, Nexus is the least expensive method. Information on Nexus and the other Trusted Traveler programs is at <https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/>





# SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Meeting photos and other photos from PC John and Lady Ana Kukla, and Membership Officer Lana Hawkins



(left) No matter what the "opinion" of the video display, the reports from the WSSC officers at the General Membership Meetings is always timely and valuable. (above) Commodore Anita does Tech Support for the September meeting, making sure all are seen and heard between the on-site meeting and people attending and reporting via Zoom

Reports from near and far—WSSC Secretary Jane Bersie, unable to attend in person, reports via Zoom. We're glad to have Zoom in the room allowing everyone to be aboard for our general membership meetings. Don't forget attendance via Zoom counts for the quorum!



Vice Commodore Cotter looks on as PC John and Lady Ana Kukla are awarded a very "LifeSavers" Award from the Starboard Tack Editor, Lea Ellwood-Filkins (assisted here by PC John Filkins).



Just a little "extra member news" in the corner — "V/C Jon Cotter and Lady Helena Thornton won 1st cruising class on Jolee. The other guy is friend of the club Imre Csaki who won 1st on Jam A (I think)."

(Lady Ana reporting)



DID YOU KNOW? Thank you to Elliott's Bakery and Coffee Shop for their support over the years for our monthly birthday celebrations. Their support makes our meetings quite delicious! Happy Birthday and thanks for sharing your cake, Treasurer Mike!



# LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE RACE

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Lady Helena Thornton, Patti Baur-Duffett, Anita Bersie-Chabalowski



A great day for a race with us a little rain at the very end of the Lighthouse Challenge race



Quick, grab the racing rules. Who has right-of-way at this mark?



V/C Cotter & Lady Helena draw tickets for charity raffle at LHC afterglow. This year's charity target is ISEA—Inland Seas Education Association. For information about this worthy organization, go to [schoolship.org](http://schoolship.org).



**West Shore Sail Club**

**2024 Lighthouse Challenge**

**Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:55am Start**

To Benefit: **Inland Seas Education Association**

**WSSC 2024 Lighthouse Challenge**

- Medium distance race in Western Lake Erie
- Spinnaker, J/AM and Cruising Classes
- Afterglow will take place at the Gross Ile Township Pavilion and includes dinner for purchase (soft drinks & water), awards, raffle and silent auction.

See Specialty Race Application Available at: [www.westshoresailclub.org](http://www.westshoresailclub.org)

Registration Deadline: August 9, 2023, 5:00pm





# WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

## 2024

### 22ND ANNUAL LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE

Thank you to our sponsors and donors for your generosity in supporting our Lighthouse Challenge charity partner:

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- ◆ Join your friends at West Shore Sail club for our monthly general membership meetings and programs on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month, upstairs at Whiskeys on the Water at Biddle and Oak in Wyandotte.
- ◆ If you would like to join our mailing list to receive the STARBOARD TACK newsletter, send a note to [wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com)

WSSC 2024 Commodore  
**ANITA BERSIE-CHABALOWSKI**  
  
LADY ANA KUKLA

WSSC 2024 Vice Commodore  
**JONATHAN P. COTTER**  
and  
**LADY HELENA THORNTON**

**MATT DUBOIS**  
  
**FRANK PAVIA**

WSSC Past Commodore 1982  
**BROTHER JOHN BRENDAN, AF**  
and  
**LADY LEA ELLWOOD-FILKINS**



# AUGUST LATE SUMMER CRUISE TO TOLEDO YACHT CLUB

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Activities Chairperson Amy Wright, Lady Helena Thornton, Lady Maryjo Gonzalez

"Hi Lea, the pictures are from Toledo YC Cruise. We celebrated Lady Christy's birthday with delicious cupcakes and mimosas . We had a great time all together. We missed you and everyone who could not make it to the Late Summer Cruise, too. Hope to see you at the Harvest Moon Cruise!" (Lady Maryjo González reporting)



"Good Guy of the Year Award" goes to Port Captain Dave Wright for powerwashing goose poop off the docks before the cruisers arrive.



Celebrating Lady Christy's birthday with cupcakes and a movie aboard The Wright Choice





## JACK & JILL RACE and AFTERGLOW

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Jane Bersie, Lady Helena Thornton, Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

A real barn burner:

Place	Boat	Crew	Finish	Pursuit start	course	time hr	VMG (knots)
1	Zephr Hawk	Rick & Kelly Bohl	1:08:53 PM	11:17:01 AM	1.8G	1.86	3.03
2	Forever Young	Brian & Katie Hartwell	1:12:41 PM	11:08:16 AM	2.07	2.07	2.72
3	Family Truckster	Anita & Ryan	1:15:22 PM	11:18:25 AM	1.95	1.95	2.89



Jonathan Cotter showing off his LHC t-shirt while manning the grill at the J&J afterglow

**West Shore Sail Club**

### 2024 Jack & Jill Race

Sunday September 1st  
10:55 AM Start

Double-handed JAM Race - Pursuit Start  
Afterglow will take place at 3:00pm at  
Ford Yacht Club North Shelter on Grosse Ile.

Pot-luck meal and Corn Roast  
Race Application Available:  
<https://westshoresailclub.org/wssc-race-applications>  
[www.noticeofrace.net](http://www.noticeofrace.net)

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2024 5:00pm

WSSC 2024 Jack & Jill Race



# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



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Rigging Type:	Masthead Sloop
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Displacement:	11,500.00 lb / 5,216 kg
Ballast:	4,600.00 lb / 2,087 kg
Max Draft:	5.58 ft / 1.70 m
Construction:	FG
Ballast Type:	Iron
First Built:	1980
Last Built:	1984
# Built:	241
Builder:	O'Day Corp. (USA)
Designer:	C. Raymond Hunt Assoc./J. DeKnatel



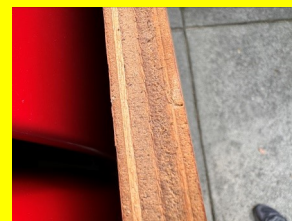
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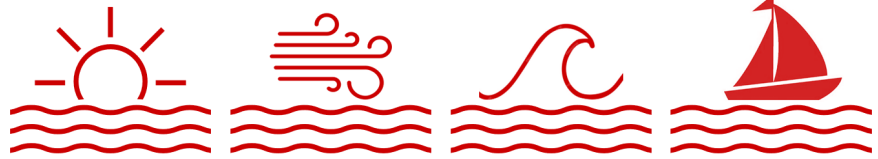
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313-443-7112





# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

## Sail MORE with WEST SHORE in '24



Do your crew members and sailing friends keep "borrowing" your copy of the Starboard Tack? **HAVE THEM JOIN OUR "FRIENDS" MAILING LIST.** Just email THEIR email address to The Editor at [wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com). Thanks!



## MEMBERS CLASSIFIED



- Looking to sell or giveaway: New 6x 10oz tubes of Sikaflex 291 LOT ('long open time' for warm weather workability)  
<https://usa.sika.com/en/industry/global-industry-content-pages-to-keep/commercial-vessels/elastic-sealing-bonding/watertight-sealingbonding/sikaflex-291-lot.html>
- Looking to sell or giveaway: New TotalBoat 2-Part Polyurethane Floatation Foam (6lb density, 2qt kit)  
<https://www.totalboat.com/products/2-part-polyurethane-marine-flotation-foam?variant=43199410929888>



**If interested, contact Michael at 313-590-5131**

### Elliott's

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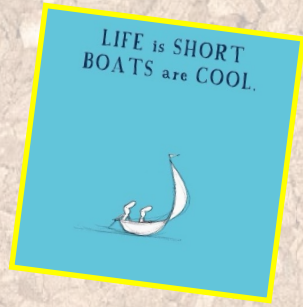


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### SEND YOUR PHOTO(S) TO THE STARBOARD TACK NEWSLETTER




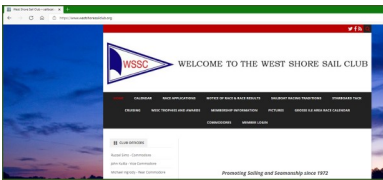
DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF A WSSC ACTIVITY OR EVENT? A DRAMATIC RESCUE AT SEA? A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET ON THE WATER? OR EVEN A BORING DAY WITH NO WIND BUT A GREAT CREW?

Submit your photos to Starboard Tack Editor at [wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com). Photos will be shared on the "Member Photo Fun" pages in upcoming issues of the Starboard Tack. Be an "On-the-Spot Reporter" for the Starboard Tack and get the coveted LifeSavers Award!

# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

## From The Webmaster

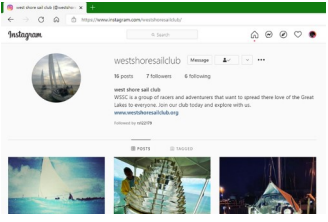
 VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!  
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 VISIT US ON **FACEBOOK** for photos, news, event updates, and more!  
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 VISIT US ON **INSTAGRAM** for photos from our races, cruises, and other events!  
[www.instagram.com/westshoresailclub/](https://www.instagram.com/westshoresailclub/)




## LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY

have been received from the clubs listed below.

If you would like a copy of any letter for your cruising plans, send an email with your request to WSSC Secretary at [wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com)

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NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB - Lasalle, MI



### ADVERTISE IN THE STARBOARD TACK!

**CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE FOR MEMBERS**

**DISPLAY ADS AVAILABLE!**

**PRICED PER YEAR\* (12 ISSUES) & increments**  
 \$30 per year business card size  
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 (ask for Rate Page for more pricing)

Send ad to: (high quality graphics, please)  
 Editor, Starboard Tack—West Shore Sail Club  
 P.O. Box 369 Trenton, MI 48183-0369  
 or Email to: [wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com)

### MEMBERS' CLASSIFIEDS

**CLASSIFIED ADS AVAILABLE:** Classified ads (like this one) available **FREE** to members of WSSC. Advertise your "things" or your "services" to let other WSSC members know how they can help you (by buying "stuff" you don't need any more) or how you can help them (by providing services they can use) — It's a WIN WIN!

**CLASSIFIED ADS CAN INCLUDE PHOTOS:** Don't forget that your classified ads (which are free to WSSC members) can include up to 3 small photos of the items or services you have for sale! Submit your ad information and quality photo(s) to the Starboard Tack Editor.






## WSSC CONTACTS for 2024

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

\* indicates Board of Directors

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 Vice Commodore +	Jonathan Cotter	wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com
 Rear Commodore +	Todd Harris	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
Secretary	Jane Bersie	wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com
Treasurer +	Mike Soltis	wsscfinancial@gmail.com
Membership Officer	Lana Hawkins	wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com
Director +	PC 2017/2018 David Monk	david.monk@hotmail.com
Director +	PC 2012 Chuck Laskey	claskey1954@yahoo.com

### STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES

\* indicates Standing Committee

OFFICE / COMMITTEE / ACTIVITY or EVENT	CONTACT	EMAIL
*Activities Chairperson	Amy Wright	amycwright@gmail.com
Advertising (ad placement)	Starboard Tack Editor	WSSCstarboardtack@gmail.com
*Audit Committee	Treasurer	mike@mikesoltis.com
Boat U.S. Representative	PC Doug Howe	d1howe@wowway.com
Budget Committee	Executive Committee	
By-Laws Committee	Commodores Committee	
Club Memory (Anniversary) Album	<b>HELP! We need a volunteer!</b>	send photos to joncotter@att.net
Commodore's Ball Chairperson	Maria Jose Gonzalez Tovar	x
*Commodores Committee Co-Chairpersons	PC Carver Dumke (1st Co-Chair) PC Dave Monk (2nd Co-Chair)	cadumke@gmail.com david.monk@hotmail.com
*Cruising Committee Chairperson	Rear Commodore	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
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Fleet Captain—Cruising	Dave Wright	iamdave57@gmail.com
Fleet Captain—WNATR	PC Chris McCardell	courttofficer@att.net
Fleet Captain—Racing (Specialty Races)	PC Chris McCardell	courttofficer@att.net
Facebook Page Administrator	(contact through WSSC Facebook page)	
Historian	PC Mike Jablonski	mtjablonski@wowway.com
I-LYA Delegate	PC Kathy Howe	kahowe@wowway.com
M.C. (Commodore's Ball and Special Events Master of Ceremonies)		evoluciond229@hotmail.com
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Membership Database updates	Lana Hawkins	wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor (Starboard Tack)	Lea Ellwood-Filkins	wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com
Nomination Committee	Commodores Committee	wsscmodcommodore@gmail.com
PHRF-LE Delegate	<b>HELP! We need a volunteer!</b>	
PHRF-LE Measurer	PC Dick Synowiec PC Doug Howe	cptsnick1@gmail.com d1howe@wowway.com
Port Captains: Cruising Events	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
Port Captains: Specialty Races	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
*Race Committee Chairperson	Vice Commodore	wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com
Social Media Moderator	Executive Committee	
Swap Meet Chairperson	PC Doug Howe	d1howe@wowway.com
Webmaster	Lance Yee	talkingdog@sbcglobal.net
WNATR Race Committee Boat Chairperson	Fleet Captain-Racing	courttofficer@att.net (Chris McCardell)

WSSC ROLLING CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
WSSC Meetings & Events	Date & Time and Location	Event Contact
RED indicates WNATR racing event — BLUE indicates cruising event — ORANGE indicates specialty racing event — PURPLE indicates activities committee event		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
WSSC JACK AND JILL RACE	Sep. 1 *Sunday	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Sep. 1 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for September Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
WNATR Fall #3	Sep. 4 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
SEPTEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG	Sep. 5 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Program: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
WNATR Fall #4	Sep. 11 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Fall #5	Sep. 18 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Racing BUOY RETRIEVAL—SEP. 21	Sep. 21 *Saturday—8:45am leave GBY / 9:00am leave FYC	Vice Commodore
Cruise #6: HARVEST MOON CRUISE	Sep. 27-29 *Fri.-Sat.-Sun.—to Monroe Boat Club and dinner at Harbor Hook & Grille 5:30pm Saturday	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising Dave Wright
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Sep. 29 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for October Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
OCTOBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG and OFFICER NOMINATIONS	Oct. 3 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Program: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT	Oct. 16 *Wednesday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain Racing
October CAR CRUISE	Oct. 26th *Saturday—3:00pm HARVEST FEST & HAYRIDE at Laskey's Farm	Activities Chairperson
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Nov. 3 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for November Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
NOVEMBER 2024 ANNUAL MEETING and OFFICER ELECTIONS	Nov. 7 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Commodore
November CAR CRUISE	(TBD)	Activities Chairperson
<b>December</b>		
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Dec. 1 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for December Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
DECEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG and HOLIDAY PARTY	Dec. 5 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Marine TOYS FOR TOTS charity donation drive	Meeting: Commodore Party: Activities Chairperson
New Officer Training	(TBD) New Officer training and document exchange	Commodore
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Dec. 22 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for January 2025 Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
<b>JANUARY 2025</b>		
JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and CHANGE OF WATCH	Jan. 2 or 9, 2025 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys & Zoom PROGRAM: Let's celebrate with our new officers!	Commodore / M.C.
CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting		Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
RACING COMMITTEE Meeting		Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
January CAR CRUISE	(TBD)	Activities Committee Chairperson
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Jan. 26 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for February Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor





# West Shore Sail Club

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- To promote the sport of sailing and seamanship at a moderate cost to the members
- To promote competitive aspects of sailing
- To bring to the sailing family the pleasure and good fellowship to be found in yachting